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SUBJECT: CIEC: CONCLUSION OF G-19 MEETING

1. TODAY FEBRUARY 11 G-19 MEETING IN PARIS CONCLUDED WITH COM-
MUNIQUE, TEXT OF WHICH IS INCLUDED BELOW. WE ARE TOLD
BY TER HORST (SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PEREZ-GUERRERO) THAT
CLIMATE OF MEETING WAS VERY GOOD. THERE WERE NO RE-
CRIMINATIONS. TER HORST ADDED THAT DISCUSSION FOCUSSED
ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON PROCEDURE. TER HORST SAID
PEREZ-GUERRERO WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN
WORKING OUT TERMS WITH MACEACHEN ALTHOUGH G-19 FELT
QUITE STRONGLY THAT COMMISSIONS HAD NOT BEEN USEFUL
FORUMS AND SHOULD NOT BE RECONVENED. CONCEPTUALLY
G-19 SAW MEETING AT SENIOR OFFICIALS LEVEL CONVENING
IN SECOND HALF OF APRIL, THEN LEAVING WORK TO CONTA CT
GROUPS FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND RECONVENING TO EVALUATE
THIS WORK. THESE CONCEPTIONS ARE OF COURSE QUITE
CLOSE TO THOSE WHICH PEREZ-GUERRERO REPORTEDLY PUT
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FORTH WITH MACEACHEN (SEPTTEL).

2. PEREZ-GUERRERO HIMSELF HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT
CONCLUSION OF G-19 MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND HE TURNED
IN BLAND PERFORMANCE, BASICALLY STEERING CLEAR OF
PRICKLY ISSUES.

3. TEXT OF G-19 COMMUNIQUE READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE GROUP OF 19 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION MET IN PARIS AT SENIOR OFFICIALS LEVEL ON 10TH AND 11TH FEBRUARY TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION AND ASSESS DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING, AND TO DISCUSS THE SCHEDULING OF AND THE PREPARATION FOR THE CONCLUDING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE LAST DECEMBER AND WAS POSTPONED AT THE INITIATIVE WHICH AROSE FROM THE GROUP OF 8.

THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE PREPARATIONS, TO BE INITIATED AT THE SENIOR OFFICIALS LEVEL, SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL AND THAT THE FINAL MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER, AND IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN THE END OF MAY. IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL, THE GROUP ALSO BORE IN MIND THE FACT THAT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUSPENDED ITS 31ST REGULAR SESSION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FINAL REPORT OF CIEC.

THE GROUP ENTRUSTED ITS COCHAIRMAN WITH THE TASK OF ESTABLISHING THE NECESSARY CONTACTS WITH HIS COUNTERPART FROM THE GROUP OF 8 IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIMETABLE WITHIN THE PERIOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIFIED ABOVE.

THE GROUP OF 19 EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT ACHIEVE CONCRETE RESULTS UNLESS ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 8 DEMONSTRATE THEIR POLITICAL WILL. THE GROUP EXPRESSED ALSO THE HOPE THAT IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS COMMON OBJECTIVE WILL BE REACHED.

END TEXT.

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